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ALL NATIONS — MATT. 28:19.

EVERY CREATURE — MARK 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD IS LOVE

THE PILLAR

THE TRUTH

His People Hear His Voice

(Reference—St. John 10th chapter)
The words of Christ in accents low,
Instill our hearts where'er we go;
He speaks to us when in despair,
He never fails to do His share.
His people hear His voice.

His truths reveal when we're alone,
That by His death He did atone;
And with His love He made us free—
Answers prayer by earnest plea.
His people hear His voice.

Our Savior-shepherd knows His sheep;
No hirelings in His fold will keep.
He is the door to enter in,
And save the vilest soul from sin.
His people hear His voice.

—H. L. Motsinger, Creal Springs, Ill.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

I TIM. 3:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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Notices

To the ministers and Churches of God in Georgia: Greetings. I was much elated over hearing of the wonderful convention at Macon. Words cannot express my gratitude to all those who helped make it a success. We trust that each church in the state will take an offering and send to Brother Graham Oglesby, P. O. Box 487, Macon, Ga., to finish paying the expense of the convention. Please push this offering and make it as large as possible and all over the amount it takes to finish paying the expense of the convention will be applied to the camp ground fund. Remember we still owe $175 on the ground we have bought and we still need more land. We trust that each church that has not raised their ten cents per member quota and each minister who has not paid his five dollars, will be able to do so as early as possible.

It will be some time before we are able to travel but our heart is in the work and we expect to give it due attention. I know we have in the state of Georgia some of the most loyal preachers the Church of God affords. I am counting on them to carry on the work while I lay wounded on the battlefield. Surely I have been in the valley of the shadow of death but, "His rod and His staff comforted me, and I feared no evil." It is very few that ever recover from a ruptured appendix and general peritonitis, but God has brought me through this far and my soul magnifies His matchless name. The doctor came in my hospital room a few mornings ago telling me that my pulse and temperature were normal and that I could not do any better than I was doing. I asked him how that could be when I was so sick. He says, "It just shows that the Lord is with you." Oh, how my soul is filled with glory as I dictate these few lines. At times my hospital room seems like a little heaven as the glory of God floods my soul.

Soldiers of the cross, stay on the firing line and do all you can to win precious souls for the Master. Remember I am praying for you and any information you desire of me be free to write me and we will take care of all correspondence. Remember me in prayer that I may soon recover and get back on the field of service.—Yours for the Master, J. P. Hughes, Overseer of Georgia.

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I am now ready for calls in revival work or if you need some help to get your church established, I will be glad to help you. I have had about twenty years of experience in the Church of God and I am well known by Brother G. C. Dunn. If you would like further reference, write him. I will consider your call every time from now until July 15.—C. E. Berryhill, Tuscumbia, Ala.

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The Alabama City district convention will convene at Mt. Zion, June 5-7. The first service will begin at 7:30 p. m. We desire every minister on the district to be present. Each church see that your pastor has means to come. If any should fail to be there, write Brother Dunn, your state overseer, as to why you are not. Also remember you are robbing yourself when you fail to attend our conventions. Come on, deacons, clerks, laity. All should be there. Do your best to be up with missions, aged ministers' fund, and camp ground fund.—A. L. Burroughs, district pastor, Alabama City, Ala.

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The Zion Church of God at Surrency, Ga., desires to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members; if not heard from by next conference their names will be dropped from the roll: Fannie Reams, Lloyd Edenfield, Maidie Edenfield, and Florence Edenfield.—J. M. Tomberlin, clerk, Surrency, Ga.

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The Church of God at Kelly's Ferry announces a home coming Sunday, May 24. All neighboring churches are especially invited to come and bring a well-filled basket and enjoy a good dinner, also come expecting a good time in the Lord. We are expecting some good singers and good preachers here. Please pray for us that we will see many souls blessed on that day and that the Holy Ghost will lead and direct in everything we do. —Miss Mildred Richie, Route 4, St. Elmo, Tenn.

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To whom it may concern: My address is now 412 Mangum Ave., High Point, N. C.—H. E. Driggers, clerk.

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I would like to get a true Christian girl to travel with my wife and me, one that can play the piano and guitar and lead singing. If interested write me at my home address.—Albert Teaster, Rt. 3, Box 203, Hendersonville, N. C.

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The Church of God at Olustee, Fla., would like to hear from the following before our next regular conference: Maggie Rogers and Alma Cook. If not heard from their names will be dropped from the church roll.—W. H. Chason, clerk, Box 5, Sanderson, Fla.

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We will have a home coming at the church at Brilliant, Ala., the fifth Sunday of May and we invite every one who can, to come and bring your instruments and special songs. We want the Holy Ghost to have His way.—J. M. Ashmore, Brilliant, Ala.

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To all it may concern: My address has changed from McColl, S. C., to 22 Beauregard St., Clinton, S. C. We have been here three weeks. We have some good people here who are co-operating with us. Our Sunday School has increased from eighty-four the first Sunday to one hundred seventeen. We closed a revival Sunday night with twelve saved, five sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. We will have a baptizing Sunday at 3:30 p. m. with a dozen or more to be baptized. We plan to organize a Y. P. E. Saturday night. The young people are anxious for one. We will have the Lord's Supper and feet washing Sunday night. There is a good chance for a real Church of God here in Clinton. Pray for us.—W. F. Paterson.

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The Montana convention will be held in the Carpenter Hall at Lewistown, Montana, beginning at 7:30 P. M. Friday, May 29th, to 31st, inclusive. The Lewistown people are arranging accommodations for those who attend. We are expecting a good convention this year and are planning on you being with us. Brother James Cross from Florida and others will be an added attraction at the convention. We trust that you will pray for the success of this meeting.

The convention in Canada will be in Robsart, Sask. Brother Bowen is arranging for the meeting there. Anyone desiring reservations for the Canadian convention please write him at Consul, Sask. The convention in Canada convenes June 4th, 7:30 P. M., over June 7th, three days and four nights of feasting with the Lord.—Your brother, Paul H. Walker.

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The Davisboro district convention will convene June 5-7 at Jurdes Chapel on the road from Louisville to Gibson, Ga. Everybody invited.—B. F. Bratcher, district overseer.

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The Church of God at Decatur, Ala., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Brother A. J. Eddins. If not heard from by next conference their names will be dropped.—Lily Euline Lee, clerk, 1605 5th Ave., So., Decatur, Ala.

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We will have a home coming on the New River district at Monarat, Va., May 31. There will be all-day service and dinner on the ground. Everybody is cordially invited. Come and be with us and enjoy a good feast with the Lord. Brother J. L. Dorman, state overseer, will preach at 10:45 a. m. We are expecting Brother and Sister Davis and Brother Marvin E. Porter.—J. L. Dalton, pastor, Sylvatus, Va.

A Universal Crisis Is At Hand

BY G. D. McNAIR

"But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." 1 Peter 4:7.

IN these last days in which we live the dark war clouds are hanging low. The muttering of another world conflict is being heard. The apostle Peter gives us the admonition, that the end of all things is at hand, and for us to be sober and watch unto prayer. But in this new and modern age the masses of people are neither sober nor watchful unto prayer. People are not only drunk on intoxicating liquors but are drunk on the cares and luxuries of the world and very few find time enough to watch and pray.

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars: and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and waves roaring," Luke 21:25.

The earth is filled with distress and the so-called wise men's minds are filled with perplexity. Men do not know just when some catastrophe will burst forth and turn the world upside down. Men all over this land are seeking peace and finding none. Multiplied millions of dollars are spent every year by those who seek something to satisfy, but there is but One who can give a lasting peace. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27. Beloved, this is the only peace that satisfies. Notice, Jesus said that this peace wasn't like the world gave and, thanks be unto God, He said He would give peace unto us and leave it with us. Oh, bless His name. Yes, we can have it and keep it right here in this present world.

MULTIPLIED SIGNS OF HIS COMING

Jesus gave us three outstanding signs of His coming—famines, pestilence, and earthquakes in divers places. Matt. 24:7. Just last year earthquakes struck this earth in various places with crashing violence. In Baluchistan horrible earthquakes took a death toll estimated at 50,000 lives. Their capital, a beautiful city of 60,000, was a picture of death when 20,000 were hurled into eternity in a moment. Seismographs throughout the world record an average of one earthquake every hour. Yes, this modern twentieth century is a record breaker for earthquakes and destruction.

Thousands of people have literally starved to death in recent years, in China, Russia, and India, yet we live in a land of plenty (yea, too much).

Every day we can see, if we could and would, the many signs of His coming.

EDUCATION AND CRIME

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased," Dan. 12:4. This day in which we live is a day of enlightenment, one of education. Young people of to-day who are without a fair education have a poor chance in the world. But while education and learning have blessed many, there have been many ruined. Education is a fine and noble thing to possess but may the Lord grant that it be used to His glory and for the upbuilding of His kingdom here in the world.

Just a few years ago a great statesman and educator made the statement that education would banish poverty and crime from our land. Poverty still exists all over the universe. Yes, right here in our own beloved land crime is increasing by leaps and bounds. Judges and educators are troubled and perplexed to know how to check crime and the downward trend of recent years. It is reported that in our own good land, 12,000 people are murdered annually, 3,000 kidnaped, 100,000 assaulted, 50,000 robbed, and 60,000 girls drop out of sight for a time and this is increasing yearly. Does this sound like the world is getting better?

It is pitiful to see our young people so swept off their feet by drink, movies, dance halls, and reveling of various kinds, with the ever-increasing divorce rate. I am made to wonder if Jesus does tarry a few years, just what will become of home and fireside altars. People haven't time to read from the sacred pages and pray. "We have to work," is the cry. But while we toil and work it is only to get means to spend in courts, lawsuits, and pay for crime caused by neglect to take time to pray and read God's Holy Word. Yes, many professed Christians haven't time to even return thanks at meal time. O God, help us. What will become of this sin-cursed, crime-laden people of our coming generations?

SPEED

A very marked sign is the running to and fro spoken of by Daniel. With streamline trains, capable of one hundred and twenty miles per hour, faster and larger air transports, and world-wide radio broadcasts, millions of people are daily traveling at rapid speed in their streamline automobiles, trains, busses, and fast aeroplanes. There is a mad rush for speed and the newer model autos are being built for greater speed with more ease, and while they have more speed, the speed desire of the driver is raised and their number is multiplied. Since the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, drunken driving has increased rapidly. In the year of 1935 there were 36,400 people killed by motor accidents alone.

BRISTLING WITH ARMAMENTS

As never before the entire world is increasing their fighting forces and still they are saying, "PEACE." Everywhere manufacturers and chemists are busy, navies and armies are being increased, heavier guns and larger battleships are being made every day, and if we are to have peace, what does all this mean? Well, it just means no peace but soon we will be launched into another world conflict of bloodshed and misery. No doubt the babies of to-day as well as those older will be only cannon fodder for the battle of to-morrow.

GREAT TRIBULATION NEARING

More than 250,000,000 people, the population of three of Europe's leading nations, are entirely under the sway of dictators. Ever since the march of the dictator on Rome, dictators have been the order of the day. A Russian who escaped from his native country tells of Russia's preparation for a world conquest. She plans to gather nations to herself and then proceed against the great West. In Russia's great munition plants, munition implements are being piled up for the planned world conquest. Russia is very defiant in her blasphemous challenge to God and the Bible. Communism is fast spreading over our land and is poisoning the minds of the younger generations. Beloved, these things are but arrows pointing us to the soon coming of our Lord which will usher in the great and awful tribulation. Oh yes, we may look for peace, but only when the Prince of Peace comes to set up a kingdom on earth and declares peace on earth and good will to all men, will we have peace. Indeed the clouds are fast gathering, the sky is becoming dark, and already we can hear the rumbling of this great, stormy night of the tribulation.

THE FALLING AWAY

The apostasy of the professed Christian church is a marked sign of His soon coming. "For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, 2 Thess. 2:3. Professed thousands of Christians are rejecting the fundamentals

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Editorials

REPORTS

We are receiving good reports of revivals, district and state meetings from many states. It seems that God is abundantly blessing His people for which we are exceedingly glad. There are so many things happening that make us believe the coming of our Lord is near. We earnestly request that all be prayerful and stay where the Lord can use you.

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INQUIRIES FROM CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PAPER

We have had several inquiries from different writers in several states asking why their pieces have not been published. The reason they are not all published is the fact that the paper is too small to carry all the reports, requests, and notices, and then all the testimonies and articles that come to us. We are trying to put in reports, requests, and notices as fast as they come in. That does not leave us enough room to put in all the articles and testimonies. We have a large stack of articles that have been sent to the Evangel at different times. Some of them are a year or two old. Now, we have no objections to the doctrine or the good things brought out in these articles. The reason we cannot print them is because we haven't space. I hope that all will feel kindly toward us because we are doing our best to get them in as fast as possible. With the aid of those who are associated with me, we are trying to make the paper a blessing to all its readers, and we hope you will bear with us prayerfully.

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STEWARDSHIP

While Jesus taught that life consisteth not in the abundance of a man's possessions, He knew that most of us would be tempted to think otherwise. Indeed, the question, What is a man worth? gets an answer which generally indicates that not the moral or spiritual or educational value of a man is in the mind but his "money" or "property value." Knowing then, the value that man would place on material resources, it is not strange that Jesus taught that the average man's attitude toward the Church of God would be discovered by his attitude toward his property. The same thought is put into the language of a westerner. You can tell a man's interest in anything by the way he puts his money into it. If a disciple can keep thinking of his money belonging to God then he is apt to keep the Church of God first. Thus, the stewardship of money was regarded by Jesus as the first test of stewardship.

Jesus said to the unjust steward, "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches," Lk. 16:11. It was about the same thing as saying, If you do not keep your money on the altar, how can you be of any use to the church? The peril involved is splendidly stated in these clear-cut words, "When a Christian begins to make money, God gains a fortune or loses a man." It is a sad fact that few passions are stronger than the love of money, and only when this passion is mastered by the love of the Crucified are men ready to be fit stewards of the Church of God. This fact hinges on the truth that money is liquid personality and when one withholds his possessions from God, he is withholding himself.

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MEDITATION

Money talks. It expresses what its possessors actually are****Yes, money talks, and while it is true it is not on speaking terms with everyone of us and for many it will only say, "Good-bye," yet it speaks a language which reveals the true inwardness of a man.

From lust for gain or greed for gold,
Keep me with high and holy mien,
But if the ships of fortune bring
Some precious cargo clear and clean,
Safeguard me in my stewardship
By glimpses of thy great unseen.
From lust for place or pomp or power,
Save me with pure and passionate pride.
Curb not the hunger of my soul,
But keep ambition sanctified.
Safeguard thy steward, Lord, each day,
By visions of thy higher way.

—R. S. C.

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THE VALUE OF MAN

From the newspapers comes this bit of current history: Three shipwrecked men were drifting off the Atlantic coast in an open boat. A United States government mail steamer sped by, signaling the anxious castaways that it could not stop because of speed orders. However, the captain did promise to send rescuers. Hours later, upon the arrival of the mail boat in the New York harbor, the shipwrecked sailors were reported, but the captain and the crew that would not stop to save human life were suspended from the service for failure in duty. The reason given was that no order for speedy delivery of mail can supersede the fundamental obligation to save human life. Personality is the supreme thing in the universe. While faithfulness in the "Unrighteous mammon" is, according to Jesus, the first test of good stewardship, yet the final goal is the rescue of persons. Everything that God made was made by union with God through Jesus Christ. Accordingly, nothing counts if this final work is forgotten. "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." was the way Jesus put it to the fishermen. Had they been carpenters, He would have said, "Follow me and will make you builders of men." Had they been capitalists, He would have cried, "Follow me and I will make you investors in men!" But by "men" Jesus meant more than the flesh-and-blood house. Yes, our Lord ministered to men's bodies and to their material needs, but it was all aimed at reaching the soul of the man in order to bring him to "decide for God." This is the end of stewardship. God, through the prophets of old, and at last through His own Son, has been trying to love us unto Himself in order that we might love others unto Him and the eternal life.

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PRESS VIEWS

"This is not the time for the casting of blame," says an editorial in The New Palestine, official organ of the Zionist Organization in New York. "But the occasion cannot be passed without pointing out that the continued policy of the Mandatory Government of constantly seeking to win Arab favor through concession, the constant slighting of the Jewish cause in order to accommodate Arab prejudice, the constant refusal of the Government to assert..... the

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Which Way to Turn?

BY J. W. SULLIVAN

"*GO to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered: And the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. YE HAVE HEAPED TOGETHER TREASURE FOR THE LAST DAYS. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.*" James 5: 1-4.

It begins to appear that God hath heard the cries and prayers of the great laboring masses of the world who have never received a fair and just share of the product of their labors. Those who have tilled the soil, manufactured the goods of the world, bent their backs with honest labor, hardened their hands with daily toil have never received a proportionate share of this world's goods which was created by their very own hands. While they have worked, slaved, and toiled, carrying the heat and burden of the day, the wealthy class has consistently reaped the benefit of their labor.

James said, again, "Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter." James 1:5. Yes, we clearly see all these things have been and are being done by the so-called upper class. Their tactics will continue until they are driven out bodily by the great uprising which is under way. This writer is not in sympathy with this or any other uprising, but I am not deaf and blind to the misfortunes of the laboring class of people, neither is the devil.

There is a spirit of revolution abroad in the world and the people are beginning, in many places, to remedy their own condition. The story of the mistreatment of the laboring class has been and will be told and retold. It is all too true. The holders of the money bags of the world are directly responsible for the conditions of things as they are to-day. They have and do control the world financially as well as politically. Their day of rule, however, is limited. The devil, sensing the spirit of unrest and discontent that exists in the hearts of men and women everywhere, is taking advantage of it to bring about the rule and reign of Antichrist. Father Coughlin, the Detroit radio priest, has many points in his platform for Social Justice which any working man might well advocate. Dr. Townsend, the old-age pension promoter, also has many worthwhile things in his platform. The late Senator Huey P. Long was at heart a true friend of the working masses and his "Share the Wealth" program was, in many ways, a splendid thing. Upton Sinclair, the democrat-socialist of California, with his EPIC plan also appealed to thousands of people. The New Deal, advocated by our present national administration, has several things that would tend to alleviate the ills of mankind.

Now then, comes the American Liberty League, composed of the ruling class, such as the DuPonts, Raskobs and their ilk, those who have stuffed and restuffed their money bags with blood money, money made and earned through the death of men and women in the great World War and other wars, money that blood cries out from the fields of France and other places, "Unclean! Unclean!" The Liberty League's concern and fear lest the Constitution be done away with is well taken and people should listen. Yet, there is a fly in the ointment there. That is identically the same crowd which from the time of our fathers to this good day have ruled and reigned and whose rule and reign is responsible for the terrible predicament the world finds itself in to-day. Which way shall we go? It is my honest conviction that the New Deal means the ultimate destruction of the liberties of the American people.

True, they feed the hungry, clothe the naked, provide shelter for the homeless, and many other acts of goodness. Yet, while doing that they are busily engaged in perpetuating themselves in power, known and recognized as enemies of the constitutional form of government which has made our nation great. Everywhere we look we hear the voice of Jacob but the hands are Esau's. What are God's people to do? Which way shall we go? Whom shall we follow? Brethren, the spirit of this revolution, the spirit of the New Deal, the spirit of all these is none other than the spirit of Antichrist. Why do I say that? Antichrist will have power to dictate and issue edicts at his pleasure and will. That power is existent to-day in many countries of the world—Italy, Germany, Russia, Poland, several South American countries and elsewhere. Its slimy head is raised in America. Beyond a doubt the placing of tremendous powers in the hands of one man, giving him the power and authority to direct our lives, labors and fortunes, is a step in that direction. Be he a good man or bad does not alter the fundamental question.

We know what caused it, to-wit, the varice and greed of the money barons of the world. Their selfishness brought about the feeling of unrest. The people of God know this. A vote for the spirit of Antichrist is a vote against Christ. A vote for the devil is a vote against the Kingdom of Heaven. Antichrist is coming. No power on earth will stop his onward march. His reign is sure to come. The Kingdom of God is not now of this world. After Antichrist completes his brief reign the rule of Him whose "name shall be called Wonderful" will begin. I confidently expect to be in the crowd that will witness the coming of the Son of God, followed by the armies of God, when the devil, Antichrist and their followers shall be cast into the bottomless pit. The people of God know to do this: Pray, labor and wait earnestly on the Lord. Fight Antichrist, to be sure. Oppose with all your ransomed powers any further encroachment of him upon the people. Sound the alarm with all your might. In that way you can be known as the people of God. One of the things in these last days that will make you stand out and be different is that while the world is welcoming the coming of the emissaries of Satan, you are opposed to him and all his works. This will bring suffering and persecution but "if we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him."

Work Growing in Every Way

TALLADEGA, Ala.—I am truly glad to report our church on the upbuild. It is growing in every way. Our Y. P. E. is progressing. It is surely working.

We are having a revival now and God is blessing our work. Brother Brewer is running our meeting. Already twelve have been received into the church. Our Y. P. E. has an average of seventy-five members.—Earl Dowdy, clerk; A. W. Mills, pastor.

Church Blessed Financially

Dear saints, we love our dear state overseer, Brother Blankenship. We are also privileged to have him as our pastor.

Some months ago the saints of the Boswell, Pa. church began to erect a building in which to worship. The Lord began to open the way and the building is nearing completion. Thank God! When it is ready for service, thank the Lord, there will not be one dollar indebtedness against it. Only our God is to be credited for this. Praise His name. We are still trusting Him. Pray for the good saints and pastor.—A member, Brother Howard Swiger, Stoystown, Pa.

Wisdom Crieth to the Traveler, Yea, Christ Calls

BY HOMER C. SMITH

WHILE we, our inward man, travels through this domain in an earthen vessel, that is of this tabernacle, continually seeking a country, an heavenly, where God hath prepared for us a city of eternal rest, let us not lose sight of the vision of our mission in the earth. Though we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth, we have a work to do, and let us take heed lest we forget the cries and groans of those around us. While we look not at the things seen, but at the things which are not seen, we are, while on the earth, ministers of Christ. We are servants. We are to present our bodies unto God a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Him for service. As instruments in the hands of God, for humanity's sake, we are to be constantly in His perfect will and illumination, that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And these creatures of God have a hope of being delivered. They are expectant of us as ministers of God. The earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. "We are the sons of God." "Let us minister to every needy creature."

"Because the creature itseilf shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God," Rom. 8:21. Now we realize a meaning in the above scriptures as applyng to the redemption of this tabernacle, but there is too, a lesson in it for a redeemed soul from sin and for this reason we use it.

Ah, there is so much expected of us as ambassadors of Christ. Oh, we must reach those who are perishing. How must we do it? Men and women are not looking to the flesh for consolation and comfort, but Godward. We must have God supremely in us. We must be hid with Christ in God. Paul says, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." He further states in 2 Cor. 4:5, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." It is so pitiful and sad that so often we preach ourselves, and it is further distressful to look on the faces of those who are our hearers and see no light of hope, no expression of earnestness. They are hearers who hear not. Then we allow the outer man to become puffed up and the fleshy mind to finish our discourse with a rebuff. Oh, that we may seek God for a message! Enter into God's sanctuary and commune with Him till we become so saturated with His supernatural power that on our exit we will be so aflame with words till our hearers will hear. They will be susceptible to the things that God gives us to say. Give us more of God in our being, for He alone can attract the soul of man.

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this TREASURE in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us," 2 Cor. 4:6, 7. Oh, God has honored us with this treasure. The treasure so sacred that it will influence a soul to its Maker. The treasure that God has handed to us to keep and handle for Him will save a man's soul from hell. How much do we value this treasure? The destiny of men's souls are in our hand. Let us not hold the truth in unrighteousness. "For though we walk in the flesh (earthen vessel), we do not war after (with) the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:3-5

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry (treasure), as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty not walking in craftiness nor handling the Word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." Oh, Lord give us wisdom, and that of God, that we may gain the more perfect understanding.

"Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things. For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures." Prov. 8:1-4, 6-12, 14-21.

Herein lies the most wonderful and glorious things offered to man. They are unique, sublime, and they are sacred. Embodied in them are all the necessary jewels of eternity; and they cry to us continually to take them. How can we attain them? By simply dining with the Author of them. Listen to His appeal, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20. Now do you have an ear to hear? If you do, listen again to Proverbs 9, "Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table. She hath sent forth her maidens: she crieth upon the highest places of the city, Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him, Come, eat of my head, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding." Amen.

"He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith."

Desires to Do More For Upbuild of Sunday School

On Easter Sunday, April 12, the North Louisiana Sunday School convention convened at Monroe, La. The Lord being present, many good things were said for the uplifting of our Sunday Schools. Interesting programs were rendered by different schools. Monroe Sunday School put on a very interesting play, "Barabbas." Other plays were given also. We have a greater desire to do more for the upbuilding of Louisiana Sunday Schools. Pray for Louisiana's success. — Amanda Fuller, Dunn, La.

EVANGEL

What are you doing to send it? What is your state's rank in subscriptions? Are you satisfied to let these states stay ahead? Come on! Who will lead next?

The Evangel—even the name means "good message," and hundreds of thousands have in the past found it true to its name, and thousands weekly enjoy its good message. But we are not selfish with its good news—we want thousands more to share the blessings the Evangel brings. There is only one way to prove that we are eager to pass the Evangel's gospel message on and that is to put forth special efforts. There are very few things in the world that go without special effort, unless it is something for evil and destruction, and even evil things can be greatly increased through special effort; and don't forget, the devil and all his imps are on the job with all his warriors—unholy literature and doctrines of devils flying everywhere. Surely we must do more about our own Church of God Evangel.

Below we are giving the rank of each state in number of church members and number of subscriptions to the Evangel:

STATE:	MEMBERSHIP RANK:	EVANGEL RANK:
Tennessee	1	7
Florida	2	2
Georgia	3	4
Alabama	4	6
West Virginia	5	5
North Carolina	6	3
Kentucky	7	10
South Carolina	8	1
Texas	9	8
Mississippi	10	9
Ohio	11	13
Illinois	12	15
Virginia	13	14
Pennsylvania	14	11
Missouri	15	17
Arkansas	16	16
Louisiana	17	20
Oklahoma	18	21
Michigan	19	18
North Dakota	20	12
Indiana	21	28
Maryland	22	19
South Dakota	23	23
New Mexico	24	24
California	25	25
Maine	26	26
Kansas	27	29
Montana	28	22
Delaware	29	30
Arizona	30	31
New Jersey	31	35
Utah	32	37
Wyoming	33	32
Washington, D. C.	34	33
Minnesota	35	27
Nebraska	36	34
New Hampshire	37	36

I fancy I can hear many of the overseers and good ministers and enthusiastic workers saying, "If I had known this was coming out I would have tried hard to increase our state."

Are you satisfied to stay where you are? The reason we have better, prettier, and faster autos is because the people and auto makers were not satisfied. Come on! Watch them clamor for the top. South Carolina is way ahead in Evangel subscriptions. They worked for it and have it. What are you going to do about it?

I know that some of these states are climbing in other departments but for some reason our Evangel needs attention.

—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

NOTICES

To the churches on the Bluefield, Va., district: Since being appointed by our state overseer as your district overseer for the rest of the year, I take this means of letting you know that I am at your service for the best interest of the church. I would like to hear from each church. Let me know your needs. If there are any places where churches have been disbanded and there are still saints there who are interested in the church, please let me hear from you. We have much to do and time is short. Ministers and laymembers, let us go over the top with everything that has been passed by the Assembly; namely, missions, 40c per member on general indebtedness, and 10c per member for aged ministers. IT CAN BE DONE. Preachers, get in touch with me and let us get lined up and do something for the Lord and His Church.

Is there a good evangelist anywhere that stands foursquare for the Church of God and its teachings, that would like to come over and evangelize on this district the rest of the year? Please get in touch with me. There are great opportunities here for you. We have many beautiful towns that need the Church of God; namely, Bluefield, Tazewell, Pocahontas, Cedar Bluff, Richlands, and others, and some old churches that need revivals. If you have a tent it could be used well here. If there is an evangelist and wife who are on fire for God and interested in this, you can do well here. Come on, let us get together and do our best with our prayers and efforts for God and the Church.—Your little servant, A. J. Cox, district overseer, Seaboard, Va.

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The Washington, Pa., district convention will convene at Washington, Pa., 720 Broad St., May 29-31. Brother Blankenship will be present. Come and enjoy a good feast from the Lord.—Faithfully, R. H. Flinchum, district overseer.

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The Columbia, S. C. district convention will convene at Columbia Church of God May 22-24. Brother R. P. Johnson, state overseer, will be in charge. You are invited to come and enjoy a feast with us.—C. W. Dempsey, district overseer, Columbia, S. C.

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God is blessing us in the Hazlehurst district. We have a revival going now in a new field, eleven miles northeast of Baxley, Ga. We are expecting Brother and Sister Coleman to join with us in this meeting. Highway No. 1 and 341 leads right into our town and the Church of God is right on the highway. A hearty welcome awaits you here. We are planning on a home coming for this district, at West Green, Ga., and all preachers and laymen are expected to be there.—J. A. Hipps, district overseer.

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"The Twofold Aspect and Final Consummation of the Church" is the title of a small book of fifty-seven pages that we have written. It is just off the press. The price is twenty-five cents single copy and we hope each member of the Church will read it. We feel sure that God gave us the message it contains and we are happy to present it to the public. As I am not able to look after the mailing at this time, I ask that you order from the Church of God Publishing House. Brother Latimer will give any information concerning the price of the book per dozen or more.—Yours for the Master's service, J. P. Hughes.

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To whom it may concern: I am no longer clerk and treasurer of the Lansing church as I have a travelihg job which will keep me out of the state most of the time. Sister Nina Krentz is clerk and treasurer. Her address is 2039 Culver St., Lansing, Mich. I desire the prayers of all the saints of God that I will live faithfully and always be obedient to His Word.—Your brother in Christ, W. T. Truett, 400 North Larch St., Lansing, Mich.

Good Seed Sown

LACOOCHEE, Fla.—Dear saints of God, I'm glad I have the victory in my soul and by the help and grace of God I am determined to go through. We have just closed a two weeks' meeting in which Brother Luther Key did the preaching. He had God's power and the sweet Holy Ghost to help him bring forth the Word each service. We believe lots of good seed were sown. We are looking for a reaping day to come. Eight were saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and seven added to the church.

Please pray for me to be a true soldier of the cross. Also pray for a sister-in-law of mine to be restored to her right mind. —A sister in the Lord, Nellie Rosier.

Testimonies

Prize at the End of the Way

WARRENTON, N. C.—Dear saints, I thank and praise the Lord for old-time salvation, the kind we can feel and know about. We don't have to doubt this. I thank Him for saving my soul from sin, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord.

I have been in this way a little over twelve months. I don't have a desire to turn back, but have more determination to press onward, because the prize is at the end of the way. Praise the Lord.

Thank Him for healing power. He wonderfully healed my baby. She had a very bad cold. I doctored her all I knew to but nothing seemed to do any good. Her ear started running. I didn't know just what to do. Some said, "You had better have the doctor, because she is getting worse, it seems, rather than better." I threw away all medicine and began trusting the Lord for her healing. Thank the Lord, He wonderfully healed her and I haven't had a doctor with her yet.

I thank Him because He has healed many times. I am glad for salvation like that. Please pray a special prayer for my mother to be healed as she has been sick nearly five years. Pray that she will have more faith. Also pray for my father, sisters, and husband to be saved before it is too late. Pray that I will always do His will.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ella Vaughan.

How I Got Saved

CEDAR BLUFF, Va.—When I was fifteen or sixteen years old I was at a meeting one Sunday night. The Lord spoke to my heart to go to the altar and get saved while they sang, "You must Come Where the Blood Can Heal." Oh, I was under conviction, but no one else went to the altar, nor did any one speak to me about getting saved, and I did not go to the altar. After that I could hardly bear to hear that song sung, until Jesus really saved me. Glory to His precious name! That was my last time to be at church until after I got saved.

For years I was afflicted with stomach trouble. I couldn't go to church and felt that it was sent upon me for rejecting God. Then I began to seek the Lord, and for a few years prayed for God to save me and baptize me with the Holy Ghost. I hadn't yet got the satisfaction that I was saved.

One morning I went to pray once more, intending that to be my last time to pray for the Holy Ghost unless the Lord would call me to pray when He would give me the blessing. I asked the Lord that morning to call me to pray whenever He would save me and baptize me with the Holy Ghost, and I promised Him I would go and pray; no matter how busy I was, I'd leave everything for the Lord.

I went on back to my work, leaving it all up to the Lord. The next morning about nine o'clock I was washing and had clothes on to boil. I had forgotten all about what I had asked the Lord to do and my promise to Him. When something said to me, "Go pray," I stopped washing and studied a minute. I thought, I go pray when I am so busy? Then the next thought was what I promised the Lord, if He would call me to pray I'd lay down anything and go pray. I obeyed immediately, so thankful that the Lord called me once more and that He answered my prayer so far. Believing I would receive I began to pray and weep and it seemed I couldn't get humble enough. I was praying in a hollow by the branch. I put my hands down on the wet gravels by the branch and went down on my face, willing to do anything the Lord wanted me to do. I prayed and wept and praised the Lord until Jesus saved me, filled me with the Holy Ghost and gave me the gift of tongues about eleven o'clock. From that time until about one o'clock I talked in tongues and praised the Lord. Then I went to the house and finished my washing so easily.

I had heard so much that the holiness preachers put high life on people. I didn't ever believe it, but when I received my baptism I knew it was from on high, the blessed Comforter Jesus promised to send His believing children. There wasn't any holiness folks closer than four or five miles of me that I knew of. I am still holding out for the Lord. I am a member of the blessed Church of God. Praise the Lord! I desire the prayers of all the saints that I will grow stronger in the Lord and make a wonderful worker for Him.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. E. L. Asbury.

By His Stripes I Am Healed

STEELE, Mo.—Dear saints of God everywhere: I really praise God this morning for His marvelous healing power. Reading the Evangel of Feb. 15, 1936 I noticed a real testimony from Brother Waldron Asher, Essie, Ky., on "Go Ye," which was really food to my soul.

I had been afflicted with ringworms for nine years. The doctors seemed to do no good. I sent for an anointed handkerchief from Brother Asher. When I received it I laid in on the effected part in Jesus' name and the Lord came to my rescue and touched my body. I know He carried my infirmities to the cross and by His stripes I am healed. Praise the good name of Jesus from whom all blessings flow! I give God all the praise. I just pray that God will keep His hand on Brother Asher, supply his needs, give him more grace, wisdom, and understanding, and a double portion of His power.

I'm so glad to report victory in my soul this morning over sin and the devil. I know my sins are under the blood and the future is on the altar. I am glad the Holy Ghost abides now and I've been counted worthy to be added to the dear old Church of God that Jesus shed His blood for. I can feel the good power of God flowing through the avenues of my soul. I'm not a bit discouraged though the devil is trying to tear down our church at Vicksburg. If God is for us who can be against us? I'm glad for the Word of God. Oh, it cuts like a two-edged sword. Lord, help us to measure up, not lower the standard, wave the blood-stained banner, put on the whole armor of God and follow after charity. Pray for our church and our pastor and family. Pray for our good state overseer, Brother Milligan, that God will give him more power, more grace to stand the trials and temptations. Pray for me that I might stay where God can use me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Evie Weeks.

Jesus is Truly Wonderful

ARMINTO, Wyo.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, I thank the dear Lord for the happiness and joy He has brought into my heart and to some of my loved ones. It is truly wonderful what He has done for us. He reached out His ever-stretched-forth arm, pulled my brother, mother, two of my sisters, and me out of the ocean of sin and saved us. He called my brother home but we are so happy because the Lord saved him before calling him home.

Oh, yes, Jesus is truly wonderful! There is no other friend who is so faithful; no not one. I know the baptism of the Holy Ghost is for children of God today as He was on the day of Pentecost, because the Lord has baptized mother, my two sisters and me with the Holy Ghost and has refilled us since.

Mother and I live in a little cabin seventy-two miles from church. We have only one neighbor within nine miles, but the dear Lord is helping us to stay in the light.

Last week my sister and her baby came to see us. The Bible says in Matt. 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." I know this is true because He was in the midst of us today. First, the Holy Ghost descended upon

my sister, then upon mother and refilled them. After awhile mother came from under the power, then the Lord refilled me with the Holy Ghost. During most of this time my sister stayed under the power. Oh, the dear Lord blessed our hungry hearts and washed us with His precious blood which He shed on Calvary.

Not only has Jesus baptized us with the Holy Ghost but has proved to be a wonderful physician. He has healed one of my sisters and my mother of gallstones and liver trouble and He is healing my sister's little child also. He healed my other sister's knee which had been broken and that limb was shorter than the other, and pained her very much. He has healed almost every part of my body.

Oh, may the Lord show all the dear lost souls, who do not believe the gospel, and save them before it is too late. My prayer is that the Lord will give all the Christians strength that they will not backslide into this sinful world, but may God help us all to keep true to Him.—Your sister in Jesus, Ruth Hunt.

Fire Burning in My Soul

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord: I am glad to tell you how the dear Lord has so wonderfully healed me. He has healed me many times but at times my faith was weak. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and feel the fire burning in my soul as I write. I ask every one who reads this to pray for me that I may stand true what little time I have left here on this earth. I was seventy years old the third of March.

One time I was aching and hurting so badly I could hardly bear it. I had been taking medicine for my head on this night. My husband brought me the water for my medicine and I told him, "Praise the Lord, I do not need it any more for the Lord has surely healed me. I never do want anymore of it." Oh, the Lord is so good to me. I feel so unworthy and feel that I have done so little for Him. He is so sweet to me.

The Church of God here in Charlotte went down at one time until there were only three of us left, Sister Mary Lucky, my husband and me. We prayed and held on to our Lord, met together and prayed until our God heard and answered and sent some one here to hold a revival. From that time until now the church has grown with leaps and bounds. We have had a very good pastor for the last four years, Brother W. T. Nelson, and the Lord has blessed him in his work here.

I want every one who reads this to pray for my home that it may be a home of prayer. Also pray for my eyes that the Lord will heal them. May the Lord bless every one who reads this.—Mrs. C. L. Freeman, 325 E. 13th St.

The Sun Still Shines

TOM'S CREEK, Ga.—I truly thank God for His wonderful goodness to me. I praise Him for the sweet Holy Ghost which I received about four years ago. I've never seen anything to turn back to and this way grows sweeter every day. Sometimes this way seems dark for us and the burdens grow heavy, but thank God for the wonderful thought that behind every dark cloud the sun still shines and some day, thank God, when the clouds are so dark and our burdens seem more than we can bear, we'll see the Son of man coming through the clouds to catch away His waiting bride. Surely this will be a wonderful time for those who are ready to meet Him. Glory to Jesus. Surely friends, this is a time we should pray as we have never done before, for truly He is coming soon.

I thank God for His healing power. He has been my healer for almost four years. I have a great determination to go all the way with Jesus. I live about thirty miles from a Church of God. I don't get to be in services very often, but thank God for His presence that I feel daily. I desire an interest in all your prayers that I will ever be an overcomer and be ready when He comes or calls for me. Also pray for my unsaved husband that he might receive salvation. I want my home to be a home of prayer.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Bertie McDonald.

On My Way to Heaven

I thank God I am on my way to heaven. I thank Him for helping me through all of my temptations. One time He saved me and sanctified me, but I have not received the Holy Ghost yet and I ask all the children of God to pray for me that I may receive Him. Dear people, pray that God will talk to my husband and bring him in before it is too late for he is out in sin. Some of these days God is coming after His children and carry them home. Oh, how sad the thought of leaving them down here, but we can't stay with them. How sweet is the thought of going to that home that God prepared for us.

Dear people, pray that I may stand true through all these hard trials and temptations that come up before me. I thank God for the wonderful blessing He gave me last Sunday a week ago. Every good blessing He gives us makes the devil mad and he works harder to cause us to lose our soul, but God always helps us when we go to Him in the right way and humble ourselves before Him. Thank God for the victory I have in my soul just now. I am so hungry to be in a good meeting right now, but if we pray through, sometime all of God's people will be together where we can sing and shout. Friends, pray for the people in Sweet Gum, Ga.—Mrs. J. W. Harper, Sweet Gum, Ga.

Praise Our Redeemer

LUDVILLE, Ga.—Dear saints everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am glad to sound a note of praise to my dear Redeemer this morning for what He is to me. I praise Him for the way He blessed during the operation of my son. I requested prayer for him and the Lord surely heard and answered prayer. Praise His dear name. Even the doctor was surprised at him getting along so well. He was operated on Monday and Saturday they removed the clamps, and you could hardly tell, just by looking, that he had ever been operated on. Oh, praise the Lord forever.

Saints, don't fail to call for prayer when you get in trouble and need it, for God always comes on the scene when we go to Him in a child-like manner. Pray for me that I will always be found in service for my Lord.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. D. Hudson.

Nothing Impossible With God

BITELY, Mich.—We thank the Lord for His wonderful healing power. On March 14 my wife and I came home from Big Rapid where we prayed for a little girl. When we got home we found our little boy had been caught in the mouth by a horse and his upper lip cut badly. The cut spread apart and looked as if it would have to be sewed up. We prayed and God said He would heal him, and the next morning it was grown together. Praise the Lord! There is nothing impossible with God.—A. L. Cross.

His Healing Power is Great

BELTON, S. C.—Dear Evangel readers: I praise the Lord for what He is to me. I praise Him for a Christian home and being saved and sanctified, with Heaven's Holy Ghost abiding. I thank Him for His great healing power. I praise Him for healing me of pellagra and healing my baby twice of pneumonia. —Ruby Hamby.

Glad I Have Victory

LAMAR, W. Va.—I am so glad to report victory just now. I am glad for being saved, sanctified, and baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost and fire. I am praising God for this wonderful salvation that keeps us from day to day. We are praising God for a pastor at Lowe, W. Va., who really trusts God, one who has power with God. We desire the prayers of God's people.—Miss Pauline Howerton.

MISSIONS

MY TRIP TO CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

By J. H. Ingram

After crossing the Yellow Sea, which is rightly named, since it is usually yellowish in color, due to so much mud being washed down from China—our ship anchored off the coast to await the incoming tide before starting on the fifty-mile trip up the Yangtze Kiang and Whang Poo rivers to Shanghai. The Yangtze is a very wide river, but it is not deep at normal tide, so the large ocean-going liners must wait for the high tide coming in from the sea to avoid the danger of going aground.

The trip up the river was of unusual interest. Especially was this true after the river narrowed down to where we could plainly view the shores. At first it was so wide we could barely make out the shore lines from either side, since this part of China is a great plain with no mountains for a background.

River bandits and pirates infest these waters, so there is a sort of international naval patrol kept up for the purpose of protecting the passenger and freight traffic. We saw several warships cruising up and down. Some among them were flying the new flag of the Chinese Republic—which in itself is new as a government. At the junction of the Yangtze Kiang and the Whang Poo, we sighted several Chinese warships lying at anchor, prepared for any eventuality. The shores of both rivers were literally dotted with the white native tombs, bearing witness to the appalling death rate among the Chinese, caused largely by war, famine and pestilence. Floods also take a terrible toll in deaths, and of late earthquake shocks are becoming quite common—have had two hard jars since I came over.

Shanghai is the great commercial center of China, and one of the world's greatest maritime cities. It is divided into three sections; namely, the International quarter, controlled jointly by the U. S. A., Great Britain, and Japan, the French Concession under France, and the Chinese city. We spent only one day and night at Shangai, and it being Monday there was not much doing in the way of mission services. I did, however, make a visit to the Bethesda Gospel Hall, which is a sort of international mission, and is run by some German missionaries. Here I got to evangelize some Japanese fellow-passengers, whom I met on the way to the gold mines in Malaya. They seemed very interested in the story of Jesus, and I learned that so many of the Japanese had been converted in this mission that they were obliged to go out and build a church in order to take care of the crowds.

Several of our party who had detoured overland via Peiping (Peking) to view the great wall and the temple of heaven, rejoined the ship at this port. The great wall of China, which is fifteen-hundred miles in length and averages about twenty feet in height by twenty feet thick, is constructed of massive masonry, making it the most stupendous labor project in all history. Having been built 200 years before Christ, it has withstood the ravages of time for more than 2,000 years, and with its fortified watchtowers placed at intervals of from one-hundred yards to one mile, formed not only a barricade against invaders, but as a great trade route with the tartars of the north, Turkistan and Tibet. It winds about, outlining the highest peaks as it follows the general contour of the mountains, and to-day one may still see caravans of camels wending their way along its top, upon this "highway" with which the pyramids of Egypt, was ranked as one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The great wall was built by laborers recruited from among criminals and merchants, who faced the superhuman task of getting these 500 pound granite stones up the high mountain slopes, like Titans of old. The cruel emperor, in his haste and anxiety, ordered a million of these poor slave laborers to construct a mile section in ten days. As a result of this enforced labor sixty per cent of the men died from overwork. Thank God, the scene is not to be re-enacted again. But other conditions existing, both spiritual and temporal, so impressed me that I had to walk the deck and cry as my ship sailed away to the tune of "Should Old Acquaintance Be Forgot."

ON TO THE PHILIPPINES

From Shanghai we cruised down the coast through the East China Sea to Hong Kong, passing between the large Japanese Island of Formosa and the mainland of China. In Hong Kong I changed ships, taking the "Atsuta Maru" of the Australian (N. Y. K.) Line across the China Sea to Manila, P. I. We arrived in the Philippines on the following Monday—six days after leaving the port of Shanghai. I went to Manila as the guest of the Japanese Mail Line, which took me over free and sent me back prepaid on the American ship "President Lincoln" of the Dollar Line. I had five days only to make my mission tour, so I had to limit my investigation to the city and its environs. I went down on Manila Bay and saw the place where the American Navy defeated the Spanish fleet in the decisive battle of the war with Spain in 1898. Four of the old Spanish warships, or rather the rust-eaten steel hulls, could still be seen. I took advantage of the low tide and climbed out on one of them and wrenched a piece of steel from the frame, which I brought along as a momento of the trip. In my mind I could imagine the terrible struggle that took place here thirty-eight years ago, Then a trip around and on top of the walls of "old Manila" with its great fortifications, made me to better appreciate the task performed by our soldiers in taking the city for, and in name of the American nation.

I made my headquarters at the American European Y. M. C. A. during my visit, and usually came in at night with sore feet and an aching head, for it was surely hot and dusty at this season and the sun beat down with all its fury along the tropical plains. But regardless of the heat I was gloriously happy to know I was right in the midst of a missionary program of expansion, calculated to girdle the globe with this full-gospel, Pentecostal message of the Church of God, if Jesus tarries.

My findings disclosed the fact that little or nothing has been done in the way of giving the Holy Ghost doctrine to these people, although the work done by the sectarian folks is commendable. Reports coming from the interior bear out the fact that the Spirit has begun to be poured out upon believers in a very special way. The Philippine Islands number altogether, more than 7,000 and they have a population of around 15,000,000. The Americans are highly esteemed because of their altruism in dealing with the Filipinos. There is a great deal of anxiety and unrest manifested already regarding the question of self-defence once the American Army finally withdraws. In anticipation of this, they have conscripted 100,000 young men of the class of 1916 who are to be given compulsory military training. Mr. Emanuel Quezon, the newly elected president, is quite a busy man these days. His first name, being interpreted, means "God with us," and he seems to have been accepted as a sort of political "savior." The name Quezon suggests "big cheese," but in view of the fact, a certain Asiatic country is already casting her imperialistic eye in this direction, with no uncertain gesture, Mr. Quezon might decide after all that he is a pretty small

chunk of cheese, perhaps enough though to bait some imperial mouse trap. The president may not have known it at the time, but I learned that a special ambassadorial party was flying to his rendezvous in a chartered airplane, in advance of his scheduled arrival for the purpose of pressing a claim involving land holdings by their nationals. Whatever the political outcome may be, it seems to be a good time for us to press the mission cause in these islands.

While in the Philippines I met Dr. Alden H. Clark, Secretary, American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions. He was coming back from a trip around the world in the interest of the work and was accompanied by Mrs. Clark. They came back to China with me and gave me some good pointers on India, my next stop on my round-the-world-tour, since they had spent twenty-five years on the field in that country.

In further reference to the Philippines, it is interesting to note that, General Aguinaldo, who gave the American army of occupation so much to think about, has apparently reformed. The noted revolutionary leader being defeated in the race for the presidency has turned fisherman, having bought a fleet of fishing boats, which he himself commands—a more humble position but nevertheless honorable.

BACK TO HONG KONG

The "President Lincoln" sailed from Manila on time. A large crowd of people were on dock to see us off, and one of the crack Filipino bands furnished the farewell music. The huge Trans-Pacific flying boat "Philippines Clipper" was getting ready for her return flight to America and put on an exhibition for us, dipping and flying low over and around the ship. Then one of the fast army or navy planes gave us another thrill, by stunting over the ship while flying at low altitude. We learned that they were maneuvering into position where they could drop a small parachute containing a last-minute message for someone aboard. The thrower missed his mark, and the parcel was lost in the sea.

We arrived at Hong Kong on schedule. This is a beautiful island situated off the southeast coast of China, and stands out, having one of the finest and most scenic harbors in the world. The length of the island is approximately ten and one-half miles, its greatest width being five miles, and it covers an area of thirty square miles. It presents the appearance of a huge cone-shaped rock, which rises at the highest point (Victoria Peak) to 1,823 feet above the sea level. The peak is reached by cable-car. Hong Kong was ceded to Great Britain in 1841 and later four square miles of the peninsula of Kowloon, which lies on the mainland across the harbor from Hong Kong proper, were ceded in 1861: To this has been added adjacent territory on the mainland, together with a number of islands, a total area of 370 square miles. This is called the "new territory" and was leased from the Chinese government in 1899 for a period of ninety-nine years. The total population of Hong Kong and the "new territory" at the latest census (1931) was 849,751, of which 821,429 are Chinese. Of the Chinese population approximately 75,000 are known as the "floating population," living entirely upon junks, sampans, and other small boats in the harbor. These people and their lives are of daily interest to visitors and residents alike, and present quite a problem for Christian missionaries.

While in Hong Kong I made a trip inland to Canton, the ancient capital of south China. On arrival in the latter city I was met by Rev. Wilbert R. Williamson, who gave me an introduction to the needs of that wicked population of a million souls. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson are in charge of the Assembly of God work and are progressing nicely. They showed me no little kindness, which I appreciated very highly. It was rather an incident, but I learned that they attended Bible School in Findlay, Ohio, with Mrs. Carrie Furman, the wife of our missionary to Guatemala, C. A.

It is the time of the "grave worshiping" among the Chinese here, and lively scenes are enacted at every burying place. They shoot firecrackers, burn incense, etc., and some put food on the graves, while others burn fake bills and imitation coins, known as "other world currency." I was at a Chinese funeral yesterday with its attendant strange rites. So many have died lately that it is difficult to find burial space in the thickly populated centers, so they are having to take up some of the remains and store the bones in large jars, to make room for others. I saw about three hundred empty graves in one small section. It looked like, I can imagine, the scenes that will follow the sounding of the trumpet on the resurrection morning. There were torn down tombstones strewn about, pieces of rotten boards which were formerly the coffins. Then the place was littered with discarded burial shrouds, with occasionally a wig of hair fallen from the head of a disentered body, and left carelessly behind.

I feel like I could write a book about what I have seen of China already, but must leave you here. This is good Friday, Thursday in America. We had a union open-air meeting to-day with hundreds of the Chinese flocking around us to hear about the Christian God. In the afternoon I went to "Happy Valley" to visit the graves of the missionaries—saw that of Robert Semple, the husband of Aimee Semple McPherson.

I am busy packing up getting ready for my long trip to India which takes another twelve days. My ship has arrived and will be sailing at seven tomorrow morning, D. V. I am to attend an Easter program at one of the churches tonight, where the passion of Christ is being acted out. After that I go aboard to sleep and expect to find myself being rocked in the cradle of the deep on arising tomorrow, on my third crossing of the China Sea—this time lengthwise—en route to Hindustan via Malaya and Ceylon.

God Gave Grace and Courage

HUBBALL, W. Va.—Dear saints everywhere, I am glad to sound a note of praise to our wonderful Redeemer for a free salvation, victory over sin, and the way in which He is blessing His church here at Hubball. I praise Him for giving us grace and courage to be patient while the storm and dark clouds were on.

We also praise Him for our Y. P. E. which is doing fine. Please pray for the president as she doesn't have the Holy Ghost, but she has the work at heart and it is progressing under her leadership.

Pray for my husband who is pastor over the little flock here which we love so well, that we will live humble and the Holy Ghost will direct him in every effort for the Lord.—Yours trying to live faithful, Mrs. Mary Swanson.

Showers of Blessings Frequently Given

The Marion, Va. district convention, over which Brother Bun E Hicks is district overseer, convened at Chilhowie, April 17-19. Brother B. M. Woolwine is pastor of that local church. Brother J. L. Dorman, our state overseer, moderated.

This was our sixth convention in as many consecutive weeks, and we can say it was one among the best. I've noticed many times that speakers in conventions seem to handle their subjects with great ease, so it was in this one. Among those who responded were Brothers J. L. Dorman, Bun E. Hicks, R. C. Cook, B. M. Woolwine, J. B. Moore, Sister Cartha Porter, and the writer.

There are, I am sure, many inspiring facts left behind with the faithful ones to urge them toward a better life. Showers of blessings were frequently given as we were made to partake of all the good things extended. Many out-of-state ministers were with us during the time. That encouraged us so much and we appreciated their visit indeed.

Thus came to a close one more step of advancement in the State of Virginia that is looking spiritually better.—Marvin E. Porter, Austinville, Va., state S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent.

REVIVALS

A very successful revival began here in January conducted by the pastor, Elder W. E. Smith, and the evangelists, Sister Roberta Palmer, and Sister Eva Palmer. The saints were all on fire for God.

The weather was cold but the people came out through the cold. The fire of the Holy Ghost was burning on the inside. The saints talked in tongues and danced under the power of God. Nine were saved, ten sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church.

Dear saints, please hold me up before God in your prayers.—A sister in Christ, Pansy Louise Jones, (colored), 708 E. Third St., Seaford, Del.

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GRASONVILLE, Md.—We have just closed a revival here which began March 5 and closed April 5. Brother Robert Seyda was our evangelist. His messages were a great blessing to us. The church was filled almost every night and the whole town in general was moved upon with old-time, Holy Ghost conviction. Twenty-nine were saved, five sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and fifteen added to the church.

The church here was set in order ten months ago with seven members and today we have twenty-five. We have had a church building since before Christmas. We thank our neighboring churches, Cambridge and Easton, for their wonderful help. Please pray a special prayer for Grasonville, Md. that God will bless this little church.—Yours in the Master's service, Mrs. Lydia Lauster.

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MONCLO, W. Va.—We have just closed a revival at Blair, W. Va. with twenty-seven souls saved, and desiring to go on to deeper blessings with God. We are giving these honest-hearted people one service a week in a Baptist church. We are preachng the gospel by the power of God and the backing of the sweet Holy Ghost, and how the hungry souls are fed from above.

We just started a revival at Jeffery, W. Va. in the large community building. It was almost packed to its capacity the first night, even if the weather was bad and rainy. In a cottage prayer meeting six souls received the Holy Ghost, and don't you think the devil is not mad!

Wife and I thank God to-night for a friend like Jesus. Bless His sweet name. Pray a special prayer for my wife's body that God will touch her. Pray for these services.—Harry E. Sells and wife, Box 95.

GREAT FALLS, S. C.—We truly thank and praise God for the way He is blessing here at Great Falls. We closed a three weeks' revival in which God met with us in a wonderful way. The saints held on in prayer with God until victory came. The preaching was done by Brother W. L. Edgar. Sixteen were saved, eleven sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. Four have come in since then. We now have thirty-two members.

The revival spirit is still here. Sou's are getting blessed in every service.—Your humble brother, J. W. Hannah, pastor.

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BARNARDSVILLE, N. C.—A revival has just closed here in which twenty-four were saved, seventeen sanctified, thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water, and fourteen added to the church. The Holy Ghost would take charge of the services from time to time.

Brother J. L. Hathcock did the preaching. He, his good, humble wife, and Sister Margaret Rowe, a wonderfully talented pianist and singer, whom we learned to love dearly, rendered many special songs which were greatly enjoyed.

Our attendance for Sunday School in April was seventy-six, an increase of forty-eight over the last month. The enrollment last Sunday was one hundred two, which made our hearts glad. We also thank the Lord for our good, humble, faithful pastor, Brother L. J. Stone. Pray for us here.—Humbly, Pearl Rogers, clerk.

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WAUCHULA, Fla.—Dear Evangel readers, a four weeks' revival just closed here in Wauchula at the Church of God. Five received the Holy Ghost, six were baptized in water, four added to the church. Glory to God! The Lord baptized one with the sweet Holy Ghost the first night. Brother B. W. Watson was in charge of the services. We appreciate our pastor and feel like the church at this place is going over the top for Jesus. Praise His name! We ask an interest in your prayers that God will continue to bless.—Your sisters in Christ, Lela Sykes and Nettie Kersey.

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WALHALLA, S. C.—I am praising God for the five weeks' revival that closed here April 26. Forty-nine were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, nineteen were added to the church, making a total of thirty-nine that have come in the church this Assembly year. We had one hundred eighteen in Sunday School last Sunday. Brother William E. Spearman did the preaching the last three weeks. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless here.—Yours for Christ, Ben T. Sprouse.

MARYVILLE, Tenn.—Maryville has had a good, old-time revival like in the days of yore. Brother C. E. Richard opened fire on the enemy and for four weeks he sent shot and shell into his forces. Many souls were blessed, about fifteen saved, twelve sanctified, and eight baptized with the Holy Ghost. One of the beneficial parts of the meeting was the edifying of the church.—P. F. Fritz.

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BLACK WOLF, W. Va.—I am truly glad to report the good revival we had in the month of March. God surely did bless. Thirteen were saved, eight sanctified, and four baptized with the Holy Ghost. The writer conducted the revival led by the Holy Ghost. Please pray for this place.—Your brother and fellow-laborer, G. L. Berry, Elbert, W. Va.

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CLARKSVILLE, Pa.—Sister L. L. Knopp opened a meeting here Sunday night, March 15th. It lasted four weeks with fifteen saved, ten sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church. The attendance was fine, more than was expected. Thank God for His many blessings. Easter Sunday we had all-day meeting. The messages were fine. In the afternoon we had a baptismal service.

A hearty invitation is extended to all who reside in the vicinity of the Chartiers church, located in Clarksville, Pa., to attend the meetings. The Church of God people here are a faithful, Spirit-filled people, and the evangelist expresses her thanks to the dear saints there for their kind hospitality and many prayers, and prays that God's richest blessings may rest on each one.—R. H. Flinchum, district overseer.

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POUNDING MILL, Va.—I am glad to report to the Evangel readers the marvelous works of God. We, at Pounding Mill, Va., had been praying for the Lord to send us an old-time revival. It came but in an unexpected way. Sisters Chelsea Creech and Ada Gillman were in charge of the revival. About twelve were saved, six sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. The church in general was built up.

The revival lasted over four weeks and we can truthfully say Jesus was lifted up and the doctrine of the Church preached. The district overseer was there some and assisted with his music. He also rejoiced to see the Lord blessing this way. We welcome the sisters back again and feel they have been a great help to the church.

Pray for us at Pounding Mill, also that the Lord will bless in the convention here which starts May 1st.—Your humble sister in Christ, Mrs. Myrtle Quesenberry.

Requests

We are planning to begin a revival at The Church of God at South Cleveland, Tenn., on Sunday night, May 24th, Brother J. W. Heaton of Calhoun, Ga., in charge. We ask an interest in the prayers of all God's people everywhere that the Lord will graciously pour out His Spirit in our midst and that many souls will find God.—Carl Cox, pastor.

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We are now in a meeting at Troy, Ohio. We have secured the use of a large tabernacle which belongs to Brother Edison J. Taylor, who has recently united with the Church of God and taken over the pastorate at Dayton. This is a new field for the Church of God so please pray that God will give us a good work here and many souls will be baptized with the Holy Ghost.—Your brother in Christ, John D. Raynor, Troy, Ohio.

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We thank the Lord for a nine days' meeting conducted by Sister Norma Miller. The saints were revived and encouraged. Dear saints, if your church is in a weak state, Sister Miller can help you if you will co-operate with her. Pray for the little church at Crown Hill.—Alex Daniels, clerk, Crown Hill, W. Va.

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Please pray for our church here to be a bright and shining light and stand firm until Jesus comes.—Lida B. Ricker, Augusta, Maine.

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I am asking prayer of the Christians that God will undertake in a certain thing for the Rouggley, Mo., church.—A brother under the blood, Arthur Caester.

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Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for Sister John's arm, hand, and head. She is suffering very much.—Sister Crumpton.

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I am in a revival at Brilliant and ask you to pray for us. The interest is good. We started Monday night and Wednesday night seven were saved.—Yours in the Master's service, Martha Womack, c/o S. L. McDonald, Brilliant, Ala.

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Pray for us as we are afflicted with a breaking out which we have had for some time. We have four children. Pray for the church here. The Lord is blessing but we need prayer.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Grace Keeney, Rochester, Tex.

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I am asking for a special prayer. I have two cancers and I am trusting God for my healing. Don't pass this up but please pray for me as soon as you read this. I am a widow with six boys and I need your prayers. If any one feels led to send me an anointed handkerchief I am sure God will bless. Also pray that I will be ready to go in the rapture.—A sister in Christ, Rosie Grenes, Winokur, Ga.

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Dear saints, pray for my little girl to be healed. I thank the Lord for victory in my soul and for the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Bruce Rollins, Whitwell, Tenn.

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Pray for me that I will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for a neighbor who has dropsy and is a sinner. He has asked the prayers of God's children. Pray for his family, that they will see the light.—A sister, Miss Mona Weeks, Cleveland, Miss.

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I ask every reader of the Evangel to earnestly pray that God will open the way for us to get a church building at Roanoke Rapids, N. C. The devil is working but God is able.—C. C. Frazier, 936 Jackson St.

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Please pray for the revival at Pelham, Ga. Pray that we will be able to get a church set in order here. Brother J. B. Weeks and I are in charge of the meeting. All Church of God people are invited to come and help us. Everybody welcome.—D. H. Parker, Ochlocknee, Ga.

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Dear saints, please continue to pray for the healing of my wife who has had epileptic fits for eight years. We are both members of the Church of God and have faith in the Lord.—Joe Smith, Albert, W. Va.

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I praise the Lord for saving and sanctifying me. Now I belong to the Church of God again. Pray for my husband to be saved and come back to me and the children.—Altha Williams, Washington, N. C., Rt. 3, Box 72.

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Please pray for our home as the devil is working hard. Pray for our little boy who has sore eyes.—Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith, Melrose, N. Mex.

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I request prayer of every one for my healing. I have had ulcerated stomach for a long time but it has developed into something worse. I have a wife and four children and need to be at work but have not been able to work much for nine months. I am a member of the Church of God and am trying to be loyal.—C. D. Dunaway, Morgantown, Miss.

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Please pray that the Lord will heal my body. I am depending on Him. I have been in bed two weeks with kidney stones. Pray for my family to be drawn closer to the Lord.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. J. Taylor, Blackshear, Ga.

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Dear saints, pray for the healing of a running sore, or probably a cancer, which has bothered me since February. Please don't pass this request by. I really need your prayers. I am fully trusting the Lord for both soul and body. Pray that I will live close to Him.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Kate Stowe, Burdette, Ark.

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Please pray for my wife who is in bad health, and has been for a good while. Ask God to heal her so I can stay on the field for God.—Yours for Christ and His Church, R. S. Lyons, Pulaski, Va.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Wyoming State Convention
Sheridan, Wyo., May 23-24
PAUL H. WALKER, Overseer of State.

Michigan State Convention
May 28-31, Detroit, Mich.
D. G. PHILLIPS, Overseer

Montana State Convention
Lewistown, Mont., May 29-31
PAUL H. WALKER, Overseer

Canadian Convention
Robsart, Sask., Can., June 4-7
PAUL H. WALKER, Overseer

Florida State Camp Meeting
June 4-14, Wimauma, Fla.
E. W. WILLIAMS, Overseer

Ohio State Convention
Akron, Ohio, June 4-7
E. HAYNES, Overseer

Tennessee State Convention
Cleveland, Tenn., June 19-21
M. P. CROSS, Overseer

Northwest Camp Meeting and Convention
Minot, N. Dak., June 27-July 5
PAUL H. WALKER, Overseer

Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa States Convention
Pittsburg, Kans., July 10-12
J. M. SNYDER, Overseer

Georgia Camp Meeting
Macon, Ga., July 9-19
J. P. HUGHES, Overseer

REPORTS

Dist. Convention A Feast

The McMinnville, Tenn. district convention convened April 17-19 at Campaign, Tenn. It was a wonderful convention and the presence of the Lord was felt from the first service throughout the convention. The sermons delivered were very uplifting and encouraging to the saints.

On Friday night Brother Lyles, the pastor of the Campaign church, gave the welcome address. Brother Cross then preached on "An Inheritance Incorruptible." It was a treat indeed to be permitted to hear this wonderful sermon.

Saturday night the house was well filled and delegates were present from a distance. Brother Charles Morgan spoke on "The Evils of the Day" followed by Brother Durham whose subject was "The Reward of the Righteous." Then we were favored with a sermon by Brother Cross, his subject being "Why Will Ye Continue in Sin?" These were all fine sermons and much enjoyed.

Sunday morning Brother T. S. Payne preached on "Tithes and Offerings." Brothers Bennett, Linsey, Springer, Bryant, Allison, and Sister Hall all gave short, interesting talks. We were then dismissed for noon. At one-thirty we assembled for the afternoon service. The call of the churches came first, and every church in the district was represented. The Bone Cave quartet rendered special singing, then Brother Cross talked on missions and took an offering for same which amounted to $20.00. Offerings were also taken during the convention for the state and district overseers. Brother Wilemon, our district overseer, led the singing throughout the convention. At last came time for handshakes and good-byes, and as we separated to go to our homes, we felt the convention had been a great blessing to us.—Mrs. Verble Hefner, clerk of Cassville church.

Southern Louisiana District Convention Held

On April 24th we gathered at Shepherd's Fold Church of God, seven miles north of Covington, La., for the Southern Louisiana district convention with a good delegation from different parts of the state. When the time arrived to begin the service our esteemed overseer, Brother R. E. Blackwood, was at his best, filled to overflowing with the power of God.

The service began at seven-forty with the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost in the very first song, with Sister Juanita Dixon of Dunn, La., at the piano and Brother Doyle Blackwood from Mississippi directing the choir. Every singer seemed filled with the glory of God as their voices rang out on the good old southern breeze. The welcome address was given by Brother J. B. Cole, local and district pastor. He was so filled with God's divine presence he shouted while he spoke. Surely everyone was made to feel very much at home, and we felt that sweet welcome spirit of God and His people. The response was given by Brother Rueize, pastor of the new Church of God in the city of New Orleans, and Brother Charles Baldwin, state evangelist. Both speakers were at their best. About eight-thirty Brother E. B. Culpepper brought forth a wonderful message on "Followers of God." This was very uplifting and greatly enjoyed by all present.

Saturday morning at ten o'clock we again assembled with seemingly every heart aglow with the Spirit of God. After a good lively song service Brother Obie Myrick, pastor of the Kentwood church, brought forth a wonderful message on the "Need of the Mission Spirit." At eleven o'clock Brother Culpepper again delivered a wonderful message on "The Church of God." This was greatly enjoyed and made us more determined to hoist her banner to a dying world. We gathered for the afternoon service at two-thirty. After a good song service we enjoyed about two hours of real interesting Bible study. I think this is a great need of the hour. Saturday night the service began with Spirit-filled singing. The choir seemed in tune with heaven as the power of God fell and shouts rang throughout the building. Then a praise service was conducted by Brother T. J. McCartney, pastor at Epps, La., after which the writer brought the message on "The Call of God" followed by Brother Charles Baldwin on "The New Birth" which was very inspiring. Hungry hearts then found their way to the altar crying out for mercy.

Sunday morning at ten o'clock we met again with heaven swinging low as the songs and music filled the building. Brother DeWitt Sharp, pastor at Bogalusa, brought an interesting message on "Sunday School." At eleven o'clock Brother Culpepper brought the message on "Divine Government in the House of God" which was greatly enjoyed. Sunday afternoon we had the call of the churches and their response, after which the folks from the City of New Orleans were given a privilege to testify, there being quite a number present who have not as yet united with the Church. It was truly wonderful to hear them tell how they had enjoyed the spiritual feast of the day, also to hear their shouts of glory.

Last but not least, Sunday night long before time to begin the service the building was filled to its capacity. The service began at seven-fifteen with Sister Iredell Walker of Holly Ridge, La. in charge of the song and devotional service, she being Y. P. E. superintendent of Louisiana. It was wonderful to hear them shout and testify, filled with the glory of God. Thank God for our young people who are willing to step out for God. About eight o'clock Brother Blackwood, our esteemed overseer, brought the message on "The Price of our Redemption." This was very impressive and God wonderfully anointed him for the occasion, after which 15 hungry hearts wept their way to the altar. Words can't express the blessedness of this convention, and the great good acomplished will never be known, I'm sure. If you don't believe Louisiana folks have the victory, come to our next convention and enjoy the feast like the folks of Morgantown, Miss. did. We appreciated very much having two carloads of delegates from there. The pastor, Brother Russell Fowler, and wife being in the number. Pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. C. Coats, Oak Grove, La.

REVIVALS

We have just closed a meeting with the good saints at Electra, Tex., and their dearly beloved pastor, Brother J. T. Campbell. I believe there were eight who claimed to either get the baptism or restored to the baptism, and the saints were greatly blessed. We will long remember the kindness shown us while at Electra by Brother Campbell and the good saints in this three weeks' meeting.—Your brother in Christ, E. B. Culpepper.

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DECATUR, Ala.—We thank God for the wonderful revival that closed a short time ago. Brother John Childers opened the revival. He was with us the first week. Brother Walter Lee had charge the second week, Brother August Murray, our pastor, the third week, and Brother Sears closed the four weeks' revival. The Holy Ghost took charge of services a good many times. Many came to the altar and God poured out His blessings. Eight were filled with the Holy Ghost, seven sanctified, five saved, and four added to the church. Our little church here is greatly revived and the revival spirit is still on.

I ask all to pray for me as I haven't the Holy Ghost and earnestly desire a closer walk with Him.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Marie Hanes.

Those who fail to use their minds are too idolent as well as too ignorant for God to use them.

A UNIVERSAL CRISIS IS AT HAND

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of the Bible. Church reports show that in America, yes, in the land of Bibles and Christianity, there are 25,000 deserted churches, an average of 520 churches in each state. Forty churches of one denomination were recently sold at an auction while many others are on the verge of utter failure. In Wales, during revivals of 1905, many churches had to be enlarged to accommodate the people. To-day many of them are vacant. This is even true in our own land. To-day the churches are empty and people attend movies, go to the parks, take car rides, and idle the day away. Church members to-day have joined hands with the world, they play cards, attend movies, smoke and drink, dress indecent, attend ball games and other places where Jesus would not go and they would not want to be found there when Jesus calls for them. The Spirit of God has left the professed church. Jesus said, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold," Matt. 24:12.

THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY

To-day the news stands are filled with indecent books and magazines which are used to poison the minds of the fair youth of our land and yet those who sell and read this rotten stuff profess to be Christians.

In Paris there are twenty-two chapels given over to worship of the devil, a black mass being offered every Friday. The anti-God campaign in Soviet Russia is said to be the most widespread and powerful menace to the Christian faith ever known.

This old world is drifting with the tide, going down faster and faster. Some organizations have taught that the world would gradually get better through Christian education, until it would emerge into the millennium. The Bible teaches that the wicked "shall wax worse and worse," 2 Tim. 3:13.

GOD KEEPS HIS APPOINTMENTS

"Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness," Acts 17:31. Beloved, God will keep His appointment. Don't you forget it. The last day is coming. Men of this world make and break their appointments, but God never has, nor never will break His. He is coming soon. One of these days just ahead, the trump will sound and it will be the happy privilege of the holy people to meet Him in the air, 1 Thess. 4:17. "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man*****. Take heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is," Mark 13:32, 33. While we do not know the exact hour and minute, we do know it is close by for "the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer," 1 Peter 4:7. May God bless you and may you be ready. Amen.

EDITORIALS

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Jewish right inevitably leads .... to race and national hatred, and that riot and murder inevitably follow."

"The Nationalist spirit among the Arabs in Palestine is rampant," writes Al-Hoda, New York Arabic daily, "especially after the recent success in Syria and Egypt. From our view-point Palestine is an integral part of Southern Syria, and the Palestinians would have a lot to gain by joining the Syrian independence movement. The recent riots in Palestine represent the eternal blood fued of races in the East."—*Literary Digest.*

Wonderful Dist. Convention

The Alma, Ga. district convention opened April 24th with Brother J. P. Hughes, state overseer, in charge. Service began with singing by the choir. Brother H. W. Harvey delivered the welcome address. Response was given by Brother C. C. Johnson of Waycross, Brother Alvin Clemmons, Brother O. V. Brown, and Brother Lee Waldron. Remarks were given by Brother W. F. Willingham, Baptist pastor of Alma, Ga., and Brother W. W. Whaley, Methodist pastor of Alma, Ga. after which a sermon was delivered by our state overseer, Brother J. P. Hughes, on "Our Duty and What God Expects of Us." This message was wonderful. Brother Hughes was at his very best. After this message we adjourned.

Saturday night, April 25, following the devotional service a message was given by the writer on "Fellowship." Then Brother Hughes took up the message and continued to preach. The Lord set His approval on the message. The power fell in a most wonderful way.

Sunday morning service opened with songs, prayer, and music. Our state Sunday School superintendent, Brother Daniel was present. We appreciated having him with us very much. Brother Hughes delivered a message on "The Conflict of the Age." This was wonderful. Visitors who were present said it was the most wonderful message they had ever heard. After a big basket dinner was enjoyed by all, Brother C. C. Johnson spoke on "The Ideal Church Member" after which the churches reported. We then adjourned.

This was the best district convention I believe I ever attended in Alma. We appreciate our state overseer and what he is doing for the State of Georgia. I feel I am speaking the sentiment of the people throughout Georgia.—Mrs. Curtis Dedge.

Rock Hill, Miss. Dist. Conv'n.

We are glad to report that the Rock Hill, Miss. district convention which convened at Oak Ridge, Miss. was a wonderful success by the unity and the sweet presence of God.

We truly praise the Lord for the way He blessed in each service. Many inspiring sermons were delivered by different ministers. Our state overseer, Brother T. M. McClendon, who was with us during the convention, delivered several interesting sermons.

On Sunday when the churches reported every church on the district was represented. Everyone seemed encouraged to make the remainder of the Assembly year the best. It was said to be the best convention that has been held in the state. The convention closed Sunday afternoon with a nice dinner that was spread which everyone seemed to enjoy.—Mrs. W. F. Sharp, Union, Miss.

Lord Blessing in Detroit, Mich.

DETROIT, Mich. — Dear Evangel readers, I truly praise God for His goodness to me and for the Evangel. I look for the paper every Saturday and it is like getting a letter from the ones who write each week.

We had a good revival at Detroit. A Pentecostal preacher did the preaching and I can say he is the best I ever heard not to be in the Church. We have great hopes of getting him and his church. About six were saved and two added to the church.

Let's all pray that this good brother will see the light on the Church, for he is a good preacher and we need him and he needs us. Also pray for me, I need your prayers.—Your brother in Christ, George Henderson, 5840 Brooklyn.

NOTICE

We are closing a revival at Kirkville, Mo., Sunday in the Church of God of which Brother Homer V. Howe is pastor. God has blessed and three have been saved, three sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Many have been healed. I go next to Kansas City for a meeting with the church of which Brother E. C. Banks, 817 So. 7th St., Kansas City, Kans., is pastor. Pray for victory. This is my first meeting with the Church of God since being added and receiving evangelist license. I will be glad to go anywhere for meetings or as pastor, as the Lord leads. Wife is a music teacher and we sing together. She also preaches. Our daughter is also a pianist. If you need us, write. We are from Iowa where Brother J. M. Snyder is overseer.—Frank W. Burleigh, 1806 Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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